

DETAILED ACTION

The following is a response to the amendment received on August 19, 2008 which has been entered.

Response to Amendment

Claims 11-14 and 17-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 are cancelled and claims 15-16 and 19 are withdrawn from consideration as being a non-elected species.

-The 102(b) rejection of claim 18 has been withdrawn due to applicant amending claim 18 with limitations not disclosed by the prior art of record used in the rejection.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 15, 16 and 19 directed to a species non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 15, 16 and 19 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-14, 17 and 18 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not disclose or render obvious a motivation to provide for:

-(as to claim 11) a power transmission having a constant velocity universal joint connected to a first power transmission member including a drive shaft, a second power transmission member including a side gear is connected to the first member via the joint, an outer race of the joint is formed integrally to a casing side end of the first member and blocks an opening of the casing which is opened towards the first member, and an inner race of the joint is formed integrally to the second member and in combination with the remaining limitations of claim 11.

-(as to claim 13) a power transmission having a constant velocity universal joint connected to a first power transmission member including a propeller shaft, a second power transmission member including an input shaft of a differential gear is connected to the first member via the joint, an outer race of the joint is formed integrally to a casing side end of the first member and blocks an opening of the casing which is opened towards the first member, and an inner race of the joint is formed integrally to the second member and in combination with the remaining limitations of claim 13.

-(as to claim 17) a differential gear having a side gear connected to a first power transmission member via a constant velocity universal joint wherein an end of the member has an inner surface defining an internal cavity that opens toward the gear to form an outer race of the joint and an inner race of the joint is formed at a surface of the side gear and in combination with the claim as written.

-(as to claim 18) a differential gear having an input shaft in meshing engagement with a ring gear and connected to a propeller shaft via a constant velocity universal joint wherein an end of the propeller shaft has an inner surface defining an internal cavity

that opens toward the input shaft to form an outer race of the joint and an inner race of the joint is formed at a surface of the input shaft and in combination with the claim as written.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

-Barnes et al 3451497.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TISHA D. LEWIS whose telephone number is 571-272-7093. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30AM TO 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHARLES A. MARMOR can be reached on 571-272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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